

## Updates for the week of October 11th, 2004

### Tools

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has announced funding for the National Program to Promote Diabetes Education Strategies in Minority Communities. Visit [www.healthinschools.org/grants/ops193.asp](http://www.healthinschools.org/grants/ops193.asp) for complete program information.
- Action for Healthy Kids has issued a new report documenting how **the** excessive rise in poor nutrition, inactivity and weight problems is adversely affecting academic achievement and possibly costing schools millions of dollars each year. Please visit [www.actionforhealthykids.org](http://www.actionforhealthykids.org) for complete details.
- The National Academies' Institute of Medicine released a report this week on what to do about childhood obesity. The report recommends many familiar and sensible measures for curbing the alarming rates of obesity among America's kids. Visit [www.iom.edu/report.asp?id=22596](http://www.iom.edu/report.asp?id=22596) for some very valuable information, answers to questions on how to act and reasons to act now.
- The following information will be useful for your schools to consider: [Healthy School Parties](#), [Healthy School Stores](#), [Healthy School Fundraising](#).
- **REMINDER!** Volcanic Ash Messages: We understand that people may be concerned about possible health risks of volcanic ash, due to repeated eruptions of Mount St. Helens in southwestern WA. The Department of Health Asthma program put together talking points to help people communicate and understand the health effects of volcanic ash: [Volcanic Ash Talking Points](#)

### Training

- **REMINDER!** Register for the Healthy Worksite Summit to be held November 4, 2004 at the SeaTac Hilton. Register at [www.awcnet.org](http://www.awcnet.org). You will need to click on 2004 Healthy Worksite Summit under Upcoming Workshops in the calendar section of the page.

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### Conferences

- On November 8-9th in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho there will be a conference offered by the Health Improvement Partnership (HIP) titled: "How To Build Powerful Collaborations for the Common Good". For detailed conference information and access to online registration, please visit: [www.hispokane.org](http://www.hispokane.org)

- The United States Department of Agriculture is holding an obesity conference on October 25-27th in Washington, DC. For complete details visit the [USDA website](#). Additional questions may be directed by e-mail to [obesityconf@usda.gov](mailto:obesityconf@usda.gov).

## Information/Updates

- Our next community conference call will be October 20, at 11:00. To join the call, please call 800-490-7515 and enter conference code 3579438.
- On Tuesday, October 5, Lauren Jenks from the Department of Health, Linda Stewart from Thurston County, and Shawn Regan from Chelan-Douglas-Okanogan presented to the Joint Conference on Health in Wenatchee about the successes and lessons learned from the first year of the Steps to a HealthierWA program. The conference participants were very interested and impressed to see the progress our communities have made in just a year. You can view the presentation here: [2004 Joint Conference Slides](#).
- Toyota Motor Corporation is making \$20 million of new funding available this fall to school districts interested in retrofitting school buses and purchasing ultra-low sulfur diesel (ULSD) fuel. Institutions interested in application for funding must submit an application of interest form to the program by November 12, 2004. To obtain additional information and to access forms, instructions and a list of important deadlines for the program, please contact Toyota by calling 1-703-934-3040 or visit Toyota's Clean Buses for Kids website at [www.cleanbusesforkids.com](http://www.cleanbusesforkids.com).
- The October 8th, 2004 issue of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) contains two tobacco-related reports titled: "*Smoking During Pregnancy - United States, 1990-2002*," and "*State Estimates of Neonatal Health-Care Costs Associated with Maternal Smoking - United States, 1996*." View the current issue here: [http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwr\\_wk.html](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwr_wk.html)
- The final installment of the power of proof evaluation primer-*Reporting Results* is now available online. Visit: [www.ttac.org/power-of-proof/#part7](http://www.ttac.org/power-of-proof/#part7)
- Visit <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5339a6.htm> for interim flu vaccine guidelines from CDC. Additionally, you can find the 2004-05 Influenza Season priority groups and other important considerations for other groups. Remember that